civilian nuclear cooperation with India, it would be difficult to predict a time frame at the present juncture.

Draft proposal sent by US

2759. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the draft proposals sent by the United States contains that co-operation would be discontinued if India were to conduct a nuclear test;

(b) if so, whether Government had objected to it; and

(c) the response received by Government from the U.S. regarding India's objection to the said clause?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) Discussions are on going between India and United States on a bilateral civil nuclear energy cooperation agreement. Among the elements suggested by the United States there is a provision on cooperation being discontinued India detonate a nuclear explosive device.

(b) and (c) Government has conveyed to the United States that such a provision has no place in the proposed bilateral agreement and that India is bound only its commitment in the July 18 Joint Statement to continuing a unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing. Further negotiations with the U.S. Government on a bilateral cooperation agreement are expected.

Supply of Uranium by France

2760. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that France had agreed to supply Uranium to India only after Nuclear Supplied Group (NSG) gives its green signal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the steps taken by Government to convince NSG to support India's cause; and

(d) the response received by Government in this regard?